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OF PACKING BOX FOR MK 117 MOD 0 JATO ROCKET MOTOR  
FOR PACKING GROUP II SOLID HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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## INTRODUCTION

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Due to unavailability only two boxes were used for testing. This is less than the number required by the regulations. Approval for this deviation has been granted by the Under Secretary of Defense, Memorandum for the Joint Logistics Commanders dated 22 February 1990.

## TESTS PERFORMED

### 1. Base Level Vibration Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR 178.608. Box #1 was placed on a repetitive shock platform which has a vertical linear motion of 1-inch double amplitude. Movement of the box was restricted during vibration in all but the vertical direction. The frequency of the platform was increased until the box left the platform 1/16 of an inch at some instant during each cycle. Test time was 1 hour.

### 2. Stacking Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR 178.606. Box #1 was subjected to a force applied to its top surface equivalent to the total weight of identical packages stacked to a minimum height of 3 meters (including the test box). A weight of 762 kg (1,680 pounds) was stacked on the test box. The test was performed for 24 hours. The weight was then removed and the box examined.

### 3. Drop Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR 178.603. Five drops were performed from a height of 1.2 meters (4 feet), impacting the following surfaces:

- a. Flat bottom using box #1.
- b. Flat top using box #1.

- c. Flat on long side using box #1.
- d. Flat on short side using box #1.
- e. One corner using box #2.

## **PASS/FAIL**

### **1. Base Level Vibration Test**

The criteria for passing the base level vibration test is outlined in Title 49 CFR 178.608(c): No test sample should show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion liable to reduce packaging strength.

### **2. Stacking Test**

The criteria for passing the stacking test is outlined in Title 49 CFR 178.606(d): No test sample may show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion likely to reduce its strength, cause instability in stacks of packages, or cause damage to inner packagings likely to reduce safety in transportation.

### **3. Drop Test**

The criteria for passing the drop test is outlined in Title 49 CFR 178.603(f): A package is considered to successfully pass the drop tests if for each sample tested, no rupture occurs which would permit spillage of loose explosive substances or articles from the outer packaging.

## **TEST RESULTS**

### **1. Base Level Vibration Test**

Satisfactory.

### **2. Stacking Test**

Satisfactory.

### **3. Drop Test**

Satisfactory.

**DISCUSSION****1. Base Level Vibration Test**

The input vibration frequency was 3.6 Hz. Immediately after the vibration test was completed, the box was removed from the platform, turned on its side and inspected. No unfavorable distortion or deterioration was observed.

**2. Stacking Test**

The box was inspected after the 24-hour period was over. No unfavorable distortion or deterioration was observed.

**3. Drop Test**

After each drop, the box was inspected. The contents were completely retained by the box.

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

A. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 CFR, Parts 106-178.

B. Bureau of Explosives Tariff No. BOE 6000K Hazardous Materials Regulations of the Department of Transportation by Air, Rail, Highway, Water including Specifications for Shipping Containers.

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## TEST DATA SHEET

<b>POP MARKING:</b>	
UN 4C1/Y64/S/**/USA/DOD/NAD	
**YEAR LAST PACKED OR MANUFACTURED	
Nomenclature: Packing Box for Mk 117 Mod 0 JATO Rocket Motor	
Type: 4C1	NSN: N/A
Drawing Number or P/N: 1638AS122	Outer Packaging Material: Wood
Dimensions: 34-1/8" L x 16-1/8" W x 9-13/16" H	Gross Weight: 64 kg (140 pounds)
Closure (Method/Type): two 5/8" straps and six 7-D nails	Tare Weight: 14 kg (30 pounds)
Additional Description:	
<b>PACKAGED COMMODITY:</b>	
Nomenclature: See table 1	NSN(s): See table 1
United Nations Number: See table 1	
United Nations Packing Group: II	
Physical State (Solid, Liquid, or Gas): Solid	
Vapor Pressure (Liquids Only): N/A      At 50 °C: N/A      At 55 °C: N/A	
Consistency/Viscosity: N/A	Density/Specific Gravity: N/A
Amount per Package: See table 1	Flash Point: N/A
Net Weight: See table 1	
<b>PACKAGED COMMODITY USED FOR TEST:</b>	
Name: Two inert Rocket Motors	Physical State: Solid
Consistency: N/A	Density/Specific Gravity: N/A
Test Pressure (Liquids Only): N/A	Net Weight: 50 kg (110 pounds)
Additional Description:	
The net weight includes the current maximum commodity weight plus an additional 4 kg (10 pounds).	

N/A = Not Applicable

TABLE 1  
Commodities Approved for Shipping in the  
Packing Box for the Mk 117 Mod 0 JATO Rocket Motor

NALC/ DODIC	NSN	Commodity Nomenclature	Packing Document Number	Haz Class/Div	UN Number	Units/ Package	Total Net Weight kg (lb)	Total Gross Weight kg (lb)
H341	1340-01-177-2502	Mk 117 Mod 0 JATO Rocket Motor	1638AS123	1.3C	0186	2	46 (100)	59 (130)